Claim Amendments:

1. (Once Amended) A security alarm system, comprising

one or more peripheral units, and

a main control unit comprising an RF transceiver for communicating with the one or more peripheral units, <u>one or more of the peripheral units comprising an RF transceiver for communicating with the main control unit,</u>

whereby the main control unit receives a signal from the one or more peripheral units to indicate an alarm condition, and [a digital communications port, wherein] <u>whereby</u> the main control unit [can be connected to a digital processing device through the digital communications port, whereby data entered into the digital processing device programs the main control unit] <u>communicates data to one or more peripheral devices to configure and control the peripheral devices.</u>

11. (Once Amended) A method of programming a security alarm system comprising one or more peripheral units and a main control unit comprising an RF transceiver for communicating with the one or more peripheral units, whereby the main control unit receives data from the one or more peripheral units to indicate an alarm condition, [and a digital communications port,] comprising the steps of

a.   [connecting the main control unit to a digital processing device through the digital communications port, and

b.]   entering data into [the] <u>a</u> digital processing device to program the main control unit<u>, and</u>

b.   <u>communicating data from the main control unit to one or more peripheral devices to configure and control the peripheral devices</u>.

whereby the main control unit receives a signal from the one or more peripheral units to indicate an alarm condition, and whereby the main control unit communicates data to one or more peripheral devices to configure and control the peripheral devices.

Cancel claim 2.

11. (Once Amended) A method of programming a security alarm system comprising one or more peripheral units and a main control unit comprising an RF transceiver for communicating with the one or more peripheral units, whereby the main control unit receives data from the one or more peripheral units to indicate an alarm condition, comprising the steps of

a. entering data into a digital processing device to program the main control unit, and

b. communicating data from the main control unit to one or more peripheral devices to configure and control the peripheral devices.

Cancel claim 12.

Insert new claims 21 and 22 as follows:

21. The security alarm system of claim 1 in which the main control unit can be connected to a digital processing device through a digital communications port, whereby data entered into the digital processing device programs the main control unit.

22. The method of claim 11 including the step of programming the main control unit by entering data into a digital processing device connected to a digital communications port in the main control unit.

REMARKS

A marked up version of the amended claims identifying the additions and deletions to the claims is attached. The total number of claims remains at 20.

The Examiner had rejected the claims under 35 USC §102 as being anticipated by Wilson et al. The applicant has carefully considered the Examiner's objection, and responds as follows.